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LET'S GIVE MILITARY FAMILIES THEIR CHILD TAX CREDIT

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. FILNER: Mr. Speaker, there they go again. When the Republicans are faced with a choice of helping millionaires with tax credits or giving low-income people some help they need with the same tax credits, they choose the millionaires every time.

Once again, the President, the President's bill, and the Republicans have robbed millions of low-income families of the child tax credit that has long been part of the bill. What some might not realize is that a large number of low-income military families, that is right, military families, will be affected by this change. These are men and

women who have been serving overseas, enduring economic hardship in order to protect our country. But by this shameful act of the majority that we should address immediately, they will not be able to get the same tax benefit that a millionaire will get.

It is offensive to say to the people of this Nation that we can afford to give huge tax credits to millionaires, but cannot come up with a few hundred dollars to help low-income military families who have sacrificed so much and need this money the most. I hope the sanity of this House will restore those tax credits.